

[Method of preventing illegal copying of an electronic document]

Abstract of Disclosure

A method prevents illegal copying of an electronic document in a computer system. The computer system has a server for connecting to a plurality of terminals via a network. Each terminal has a terminal identification code for identifying the terminal, and each terminal is capable of requesting an electronic document from the server via the network. The server is capable of encrypting original plaintext of the electronic document to a corresponding ciphertext. The ciphertext is capable of being transmitted to the terminal via the network and being decrypted to the original plaintext. The method has a registration process and a document request process.

